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Mr. Gordon Gray  
Special Assistant to the President  
The White House  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Gray:

The attached draft of a proposed Presidential Directive on disclosures of classified intelligence was approved by the United States Intelligence Board in its meeting of 16 February 1960 and is forwarded for consideration and signature. It will be noted that your suggestions, which you passed on through [redacted] Ash, have been incorporated in the language of this draft.

Sincerely,

SIGNED

C. P. Cabell  
General, USAF  
Deputy Director

Attachment

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**MEMORANDUM FOR:** Executive Office of the President  
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Director of Central Intelligence

**SUBJECT:** Disclosures of Classified Intelligence

1. The continuing success of the intelligence effort of this Government is being adversely affected by the appearance in public information media of classified intelligence, including information about intelligence sources and methods. Sources of a continuing nature and methods of intelligence collection have been jeopardized and in some instances great harm has been done to the intelligence

effort. I am concerned over the serious damage that caused to national security. It is clear that many recipients of classified intelligence have not been made sufficiently aware of the detrimental effect which their disclosures may have on the success of the intelligence effort.

2. I direct that immediate action be taken in your respective departments and agencies to prevent the disclosure of classified intelligence except as properly authorized. Further, I direct that action be taken to ensure that the release of classified intelligence be made solely in consonance with applicable statutes, regulations, and this directive. Recipients of classified intelligence shall be made especially aware of the damage that can accrue to intelligence sources and methods through improper release of intelligence. Existing mechanisms for the control and release of classified intelligence shall be reviewed and corrective action shall be taken where inadequacies are found.

3. Each department or agency shall conduct a continuing review of its dissemination of sensitive classified intelligence, with a view to ensuring that such dissemination is confined to authorized recipients on a strict need-to-know basis. Effective upon the publication of this directive no classified intelligence, identified as sensitive by the appropriate Intelligence Chief, is to be revealed

outside of proper Government channels without an assessment in each case by the appropriate Intelligence Chief of the risks to the sources and methods involved.

4. In keeping with the responsibility vested in the Director of Central Intelligence for the protection of intelligence sources and methods, I shall look to that official for the issuance of appropriate instructions to departments and agencies, as required in the implementation of this directive. The Director of Central Intelligence shall keep me informed of developments under this directive and make appropriate recommendations, including additional legislation as may be proposed by the United States Intelligence Board.

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**MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director of Central Intelligence**

**SUBJECT: Proposed Presidential Directive on the Release of Classified Intelligence**

1. This memorandum contains a recommendation for your approval. Such recommendation is contained in paragraph 6.

2. There is transmitted herewith the Proposed Presidential Directive on the release of classified intelligence as approved by the U. S. Intelligence Board at its meeting of 16 February 1960 and a covering letter of transmittal to Mr. Gordon Gray.

3. It will be noted in the proposed Presidential Directive in the first two paragraphs that the reference is to "classified intelligence" rather than classified intelligence information. I find that the generally accepted definition of these terms within the intelligence community is that "intelligence information" concerns raw intelligence only, whereas "intelligence" covers both finished and raw intelligence. NSCID No. 1 in the sections relating to security contains the term "intelligence" and is used in the all inclusive sense. General Erskine had made the point before the U. S. Intelligence Board that the first two paragraphs of the proposed directive should cover the broad field of intelligence and the third paragraph would be directed to the more limited field of sensitive intelligence. The use of the term "classified intelligence" will best suit this purpose. I have coordinated this one change with General Erskine and he approves.

4. In paragraph (4) of the proposed directive there has been deleted from the first sentence the reference "(as provided in paragraph 5 of NSCID #1 and in USIB-D-9.2/1 of October 2, 1958)". Only the USIB member addressees would have available these documents for reference. As stated at the last USIB meeting the non-USIB addressees would probably seek copies of these references. It is not felt that the above deletion weakens the force of the proposed directive. Both DD/I and DD/P have indicated that the non-USIB addressees should receive this proposed directive since they are recipients of intelligence information.

*ER Via Reading*

5. We are endeavoring to have the definition of sensitive intelligence together with the implementing instructions ready for Board consideration next Tuesday.

6. In light of your agreement with Mr. Gray, these papers have been prepared in order that you may present this to Mr. Gray by Friday, 19 February. It is recommended that the proposed Presidential Directive be approved and the letter of transmittal to Mr. Gray be signed.

  
Acting Director of Security

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Attachments as Stated

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The recommendation in paragraph 5 is approved.

Date

SIGNED

C. P. CABELL

General, USAF

Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

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